

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

**SPLITTING ELEMENT, [[BODY,]] LIGHT EMITTING EMITTER, [[BODY]] AND
OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE APPARATUS**

On page 1, under the title of the application, please insert the following new paragraph with title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/003778 filed on March 19, 2004, and which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-092110 filed on March 28, 2003, the contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.